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item.

CLERK: LB 186, Mr. President, by Senator Baker. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 10, referred to Transportation, advanced to General File.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Baker, you're recognized to open on advancement of LB 186.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. President and members. This bill, another one of these clean-up bills, I don't know whether I should use that word with junkyards, but it's a clean-up bill for Department of Roads. They currently regulate junkyards along federal aid primary roads, scenic byways and any additional roads designated as part of the national highway system. Passage of this bill would limit the department's control to just those junkyards along the interstate. The department currently regulates 138 junkyards now in the state of Nebraska, which none of them are along the interstate. Since the counties in Nebraska are zoned now, they simply feel that the jurisdiction should go back to the counties. The bill still maintains their jurisdiction over junkyards that would request to be placed along the interstate. As I said, currently, there are no junkyards along the interstate regulated by the Department of Roads. The current fee to register a junkyard is \$50. AS I said, there's 138 of them across the state, all on noninterstate roads, so the \$50 times 138 is a revenue reduction of \$6,900. The basis of this bill is that counties should be regulating their junkyards, not the Department of Roads. It's a duty that they no longer feel is appropriate to their jurisdiction. They still are required by federal law to regulate junkyards along the interstate. So that is the foundation of the bill, the rationale. Let the counties zone their junkyards in their counties and not the state Department of Roads. With that, I'd ask advancement for LB 186. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. You've heard the opening on the advancement of LB 186. Mr. Clerk, item on the desk.